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Time for resolution

NEW YEAR is always a good time for reflection; allowing everyone to make a clean breast of things which haven't gone well in the past twelve months and also to maybe dream a little towards things that we want to go better in the future.

Soccer is no different, and it won't come as a great shock that everyone at the club wrote their special Christmas letters to Santa Claus asking for a bagfull of points to be delivered before the end of the season.

Certainly, some aspects of our plan for the team haven't gone as well as we had hoped for, and, again, that isn't any secret.

But at no stage did I ever expect this to be an easy season.

I never expected that our playing performance would improve dramatically over-night.

It was always going to be a question of time before our new players fitted into an equally new playing style.

But we have shown that we are on the right track and at times have done well.

The away point in Perth was an example of just that.

The trip across the Nullabor is never an easy one and any team in the Ericsson Cup would be happy to get any share of the points there.

This season we have registered six draws; imagine the difference in our league position if even half of those were converted to wins.

And in every case it was not being able to put away just one chance which meant the difference between one instead of three points.

But having got through 1997, even with our fair share of disappointments, it is time to use that reflection to forecast a brighter year ahead.

I am sure that everyone connected with the club will be doing just that.

Let's have a great 1998.

*Branko Culina
Head Coach, Novell Canberra Cosmos*

Re-structuring the Cosmos

*a message from club
chairman
Mr. Ian Knop*

RECENTLY the Novell Canberra Cosmos Soccer Club has undergone a re-construction.

These changes have been made in order to make the club a more viable business entity, particularly with regard to the increasing call for higher standards being made by the Ericsson Cup.

And while most of our supporters will be unaffected directly by these changes it is appropriate that the club informs its support base of the re-structure.

Soccer canberra has assumed a 53% stakeholding in the Cosmos with the remainder of the shares being allotted equally between Belconnen Soccer Club, Canberra City Soccer Club and



Canberra Deakin Soccer Club.

Soccer Canberra has appointed four members to the new Cosmos board; myself, Mr. Peter Veenker (Chief Executive of the Canberra Institute of Technology), Mr. Steve Doszpot (Chairman of Soccer Canberra) and Mr. Hugh White (Vice President of Soccer canberra).

The board members representing the other three stakeholders are Mr. Ramon Montero (Canberra City), Mr. Basil Pietrukowski (Belconnen) and Mr. Tony Pratezina (Canberra Deakin).

I am pleased at the show of confidence by Soccer canberra in the Cosmos and this re-structure will now allow the new board to get on with the job of revitalising the club off the field.

The on-field performances of our team have continued to show a marked improvement with the side now having lost only one game in the last eight matches, including a spirited draw last weekend away to UTS Olympic.

Now we can begin the tough challenge of improving our stakes, both on and off the field.

I am looking forward to a tough challenge in 1998, but one which will reap rewards commensurate with the amount of hard work being undertaken at all levels within the new club structure.

** Mr. Ian Knop is Managing Director of Profile Ray & Berndtson.*



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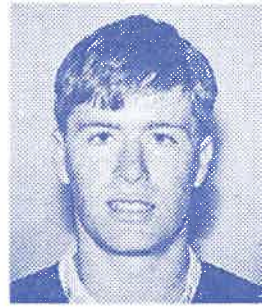
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ROUND 12

Newcastle Breakers 2	UTS Olympic 3
Melbourne Knights 2	Marconi Fairfield 1
Sydney United 2	Wollongong City 1
Adelaide City 3	Gippsland Falcons 0
Brisbane Strikers 2	Adelaide Sharks 0
Carlton 2	South Melbourne 3
Perth Glory 1	Canberra Cosmos 1

ROUND 13

Marconi Fairfield 2	Newcastle Breakers 1
Gippsland Falcons 1	Brisbane Strikers 0
Perth Glory 0	Sydney United 2
South Melbourne 4	Adelaide City 1
Wollongong City 3	Carlton 1
UTS Olympic 1	Canberra Cosmos 1
Adelaide Sharks 2	Melbourne Knights 1

ERICSSON CUP - 1997/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sydney United	13	8	4	1	21	10	28
South Melbourne	13	7	5	1	31	18	26
Carlton	13	5	5	3	17	14	20
Perth Glory	13	6	2	5	19	21	20
Wollongong City	12	6	1	5	29	13	19
<u>Adelaide City</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>
Adelaide Sharks	12	5	2	5	19	20	17
UTS Olympic	13	5	2	6	14	18	17
Marconi Fairfield	13	5	2	6	14	20	17
Melbourne Knights	12	4	4	4	17	15	16
Gippsland Falcons	13	3	5	5	7	14	14
Brisbane Strikers	13	4	0	9	9	15	12
Canberra Cosmos	13	1	6	6	10	27	9
Newcastle Breakers	12	1	4	7	14	23	7

TODAY'S MASCOT

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The Canberra Cup

FOLLOWING on the success of the Prime Minister's Cup challenge against Newcastle Breakers, UTS Olympic and the Novell Canberra Cosmos now both meet for the Canberra Cup.

This new trophy has been donated and sponsored by Dean's Trophy Centre in Mitchell and this season will be played on a home and away basis between the two clubs.

As in normal cup competitions away goals count as double in the event of a drawn tie and if the aggregate is still drawn at the end of the return leg then the cup will be retained by the Cosmos.

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TODAY'S pre-match entertainment has been kindly outfitted by BRIAN ROCHFORD, swimwear suppliers in the Canberra Centre.

The Brian Rochford boutique, in the upper level at the Canberra Centre, has an exciting range of fashions on special offer over the next few weeks – well worth a trip by the most avid Cosmos supporter.

The choreography for the entertainment has been arranged by Miss Maria Ciano.



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Cosmos in Profile

#5 ANDREW RAVANELLO

Born: 9.6.73 Canberra

Year Joined Cosmos: August 1997

Previous Ericsson Cup Club/s:

Marconi-Fairfield

A real Canberra product, playing for Kambah United, St Edmunds College and Weston Creek before breaking into the Canberra Metros NSW Super League side. After a winter with Port Kembla signed by Marconi in 1995. Now back in Canberra where his red hair makes him stand out on the field – a confident player who is a big hit with the local public.



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Back to School

NOVELL Canberra Cosmos skipper Norman Kelly has become one of the best known faces in town in 1997 as he has gone back to school in his role as a Development Officer with the city's national league club.

"I've loved every minute of it," said the tough tackling midfielder.

"Since I started the job in May I've been around loads of schools and met loads of kids, and it has really been great.

"The enthusiasm they have shown has been wonderful.

"I've also been surprised at the skills shown by kids who

have never played team soccer."

The Northern Ireland international had his most recent school's experience in Queanbeyan where he presented the medals and trophies to the lucky winners of the Johnny Warren Primary Schools Trophy.

Mobbed by two hundred kids at what was supposed to be an awards ceremony, the popularity of Kelly saw

him first get a standing ovation from the young soccer hopefuls and then writer's cramp – as he spent an hour signing autographs on T shirts, bits of paper and autograph books.

"It was terrific," said Kelly.

"The interaction with the kids is really good."

And just now Norman gets the chance to be a kid himself again – at least in the eyes of his mum and dad who are over for a holiday from Belfast.

NOTE: The shields and medals for the Johnny Warren Trophy were supplied and donated by Dean's Trophy Centre in Lysaght Street, Mitchell.

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